

**MINUTES OF THE  
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS INTERIM COMMITTEE**  
Wednesday, October 19, 2016 – 1:15 p.m. – Room 25 House Building

**Members Present:**

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair  
Rep. R. Curt Webb, House Chair  
Sen. Wayne A. Harper  
Sen. Jerry W. Stevenson  
Rep. Joel K. Briscoe  
Rep. Walt Brooks  
Rep. Kim Coleman  
Rep. Rich Cunningham  
Rep. Timothy D. Hawkes  
Rep. Kraig Powell  
Rep. Douglas V. Sagers  
Rep. Earl D. Tanner

Rep. John R. Westwood  
Rep. Mark A. Wheatley

**Members Absent:**

Sen. Karen Mayne  
Pres. Wayne L. Niederhauser  
Rep. Johnny Anderson

**Staff Present:**

Mr. Ryan M. Hunter, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Christine R. Gilbert, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. M'Kynzi E. Newbold, Policy Analyst  
Mr. Joshua M. Weber, Legislative Assistant

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Webb called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

**MOTION:** Rep. Westwood moved to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2016, meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Harper and Rep. Cunningham were absent for the vote.

**2. Quality Growth Commission – Required Report**

Mr. John Bennet, planner, Governor's Office of Management Budget, distributed "LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Program" and "LeRay McAllister Critical Land Conservation Fund." He described the role of the LeRay McAllister Fund and the commission's current projects. He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. George Chapman, resident, Salt Lake City, addressed the committee. He responded to questions from the committee.

**3. Short-Term Rentals**

Rep. Knotwell briefly introduced the topic of short-term rentals. He complimented the work of the Utah League of Cities and Towns and gave its representatives an opportunity to discuss its efforts.

Mr. Cameron Diehl, Director of Government Relations, Utah League of Cities and Towns, described the efforts of the League in determining the impacts of short-term rentals throughout various cities and towns in Utah. He discussed the efforts of the League to examine local ordinances as they pertain to short-term rentals.

Mr. Lincoln Shurtz, Governmental Affairs Director, Utah Association of Counties, discussed the taxation of short-term rentals. He also discussed the shortage of hotels in some counties with large numbers of tourists and how short-term rentals may address that issue.

Mr. Jordan Garn, Executive Director, Utah Hotel and Lodging Association, discussed issues with the taxation of short-term rentals. He discussed the need for reasonable regulation of short-term rentals and responded to questions from the committee.

Ms. Nan Anderson, Executive Director, Utah Tourism Industry Association, discussed the need for all providers of accommodations to properly collect and remit taxes. She responded to questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Chair Webb moved to recommend that the issue is significant, but more time is needed to develop solutions and consensus. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson and Rep. Coleman were absent for the vote.

#### **4. Historic Preservation Districts – Draft Legislation**

Chair Webb discussed draft legislation "Historic Preservation Amendments" (2017FL-387/008). He provided background and described the functions of the draft legislation. He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Lynn Pace, Legislative Policy Committee member, Utah League of Cities and Towns, described the work he has done with Chair Webb in the drafting process and expressed his concerns regarding the draft legislation.

Mr. Kirk Huffaker, Executive Director, Utah Heritage Foundation, discussed areas of Utah that have historic preservation ordinances in place that would be affected by the draft legislation.

#### **5. Culinary Water Improvement Districts – Draft Legislation**

Chair Webb gave an overview of draft legislation "Municipal Service Amendments" (2017FL-0649/003). He responded to questions from the committee.

Mr. Diehl provided background on how local service districts manage duplicate services.

Mr. LeGrand Bitter, Executive Director, Utah Association of Special Districts, discussed the difficulties with duplicate taxing and fees. He recommended clarifying some of the language in the draft legislation.

#### **6. Local Officer Appointments – Draft Legislation**

Chair Webb discussed draft legislation "Local Officer Appointments" (2017FL-0652/004) and spoke in favor of the bill.

Mr. Diehl gave more context and background on the bill. He responded to questions from the committee.

#### **7. Assessment Area Act – Draft Legislation**

Chair Webb discussed draft legislation "Assessment Area Act Amendments" (2017FL-0440/003) and gave background on the issue. He responded to questions from the committee.

**MOTION:** Sen. Thatcher moved to approve draft legislation "Assessment Area Act Amendments" as a committee bill. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson and Rep. Coleman were absent for the vote.

## **8. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Cunningham moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Sen. Stevenson and Rep. Coleman were absent for the vote.

Chair Webb adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m.